

# U.S. EPA's Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Partnership - Program Overview

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## Outline

- Background of EPA's CHP work
- Overview of Partnership
- Questions & suggestions



### National Energy Policy, May 2001

"CHP is environmentally preferred, cost effective, efficient, and reliable."

- Directs EPA/Treasury to promote CHP
  - EPA
    - at brownfields sites
    - through flexible permitting
    - with greater clarity & shortened permitting times
  - Treasury
    - evaluate shortened tax lives or investment tax credits
- EPA Administrator Christie Whitman
  - "CHP is not only better than conventional electricity generation at reducing air pollution and fuel consumption, it's more reliable and costs less to do so."

# Clean DER - the Next Step in Pollution Prevention

Pollution Rate (supply side)

Clean DER reduce this



Amount of kWh (demand side)





**GHG Emissions** 



## The CHP Partnership

#### Summary

 EPA's Combined Heat & Power Partnership is a voluntary partnership between EPA, the CHP industry, Utilities, and state and local governments designed to foster cost-effective, environmentally beneficial CHP projects.

#### Vision

 Achieve implementation of CHP as a cost-effective energy and environmental strategy for industrial companies and others.

#### Goal

21 gigawatts of new CHP capacity by 2010.



#### **EPA-Industry Partnership Includes**

- Industrial, commercial, and institutional end users
- Project developers and equipment suppliers
- Local distribution utilities
- Federal, state, and local policymakers
  - Midwest and New England regional initiatives
- Nonprofits



### **EPA's CHP Partnership: The Basics**

#### Partners agree to

- Work with EPA to promote the benefits of CHP and support development of new projects
- Report data on existing and newly developed CHP projects
- Provide input to EPA-developed tools/services
- Employ tools/services to develop and promote new projects
- Host workshops/other events (states)

#### EPA will

- Promote understanding/recognition of CHP benefits
- With partner input, develop tools/services to accelerate project development and recognize partners' projects
- Recognition of Partners
- Provide project-level assistance



#### Sample Tools/Services

- Regulatory/Policy Support
  - Educate policymakers on CHP benefits and environmental policies for recognizing them
  - Permitting handbook and project-specific permitting assistance
  - Web-based State Best Practices, links, and analysis
- Public Recognition
  - ENERGY STAR CHP Awards
  - Ribbon-cutting ceremonies
  - Press kits



## Sample Tools/Services - Continued

- Outreach/Education
  - Web-based partner profiles and case studies
    - Public recognition of environmental benefits of Partners' CHP facilities
  - Participation in regional CHP initiatives
  - Catalog of DER technologies
- Market Development
  - Web-based "yellow pages" for service/equipment providers
  - State profiles of CHP installations & opportunities
- Technical
  - Emissions impact calculator
  - On-site technical assistance
    - Initial feasibility study



# CHP Partnership Interest in Southeast

- Identify model projects where:
  - -CHP is part of generation assets
  - End user and grid/utility benefits as well
- Provide information and support the Southeast CHP initiative



# Regional Electric Generation Resources

- Southeastern Electric Reliability Council (SERC) fossil (coal, oil, gas) 1998 generation data
  - -0.55 lb NO<sub>x</sub>/MMBtu (5.9 lb NO<sub>x</sub>/MWh)
  - 32% average generation efficiency
- Georgia fossil (coal, oil, gas) 1998 generation data
  - -0.44 lb  $NO_x/MMBtu$  (5.1 lb  $NO_x/MWh$ )
  - 30% average generation efficiency



## Reactions. Input. Ideas. How Can EPA Contribute?

- Reactions to proposed products/activities
- Ideas for CHP in Southeast
- Follow-up

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